

Easy Answers About Conscious Sedation



What is Conscious Sedation Dentistry?

Also called Relaxation Dentistry, Sedation Dentistry, and even Twilight Sedation, these terms refer to the way a dentist manages pain and anxiety during dental appointments. Generally, these procedures involve the prescription of a sedative to cause a relaxed, drowsy state

of mind. The patient remains conscious during the procedure, able to respond to requests, but will feel calm and relaxed.

Remember, with any form of conscious sedation, it's important that someone else drive you to and from your dental appointment.

What is general anesthesia?

General anesthesia is full sedation or true sleep dentistry (unlike Conscious Sedation, where the patient is able to respond to commands). With this option, you will be completely unconscious during treatment. All patients who select this option are closely monitored by a qualified anesthesiologist until they regain consciousness.

Will I feel any pain during treatment?

Most patients experience no discomfort whatsoever during treatment and feel surprisingly good afterwards.

What dental treatments can I have while under sedation?

We can generally perform any dental treatment under sedation to include implants, veneers, root canals, crowns, and even gum surgery.

Is sedation dentistry safe?

Sedation dentistry protocols have been used safely for 30 years. At Gateway Dental Arts, we are trained and experienced in conscious sedation and we monitor all patients closely to insure both their safety and comfort.

What if I'm nervous before I come in?

Many of our patients suffer anxiety before they even reach our offices. If you have that degree of anxiety, we can give you a prescription for an anti-anxiety medication to take before you leave home.

How do I know if I'm a candidate for Sedation Dentistry?

The following patients benefit the most from sedation dentistry:

- People with high dental anxiety or fear of visiting the dentist
- People with time constraints who need to get more dentistry done in fewer visits
- Those with a severe gag reflex
- Patients with chronic or acute jaw soreness
- People who have difficulty getting numb
- Those who need extensive treatment
- People with a desire to have their dentistry be both comfortable and relaxing

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